

BA-2479
The Maples
6401 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Circa 1890
Private

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The Maples is sited on a level grassy lot with foundation plantings, landscaping, and surrounded by mature trees and shrubs. This high style Mission Revival dwelling stands two-and-a-half stories in height and measures seven bays wide. Constructed circa 1890, this stucco clad wood frame dwelling rests on a solid stucco covered foundation. Across the full-width of the façade is a one-story arcaded hipped roof porch. Projecting from the center of the porch is an arcaded hipped roof porte cochere. The windows on both the first and second stories are 4/1 and 6/1 double-hung wood sash. The center entry on the façade is accessed through a small vestibule under the porch. The entrance contains a double-leaf wood panel-and-light door. This main entry is illuminated with 2-light sidelights. A secondary entrance on the façade contains a single-leaf wood panel-and-light door and features a 1-light transom. Two hipped dormers on the facade are clad with wood shingles. This large dwelling is capped with a hipped roof covered with Spanish terra cotta tiles. Features of the roof include wide eaves with modillion. Rising above the roof are two exterior-end shouldered chimneys with corbeled caps and are clad in stucco. Other features include the typical Mission Revival parapet in the center with an iron balcony and two round-arched windows.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic	The Maples
other	Gunther House

2. Location

street and number	6401 North Charles Street	_____	not for publication
city, town	Baltimore	_____	vicinity
county	Baltimore County		

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Sisters of Notre Dame of Baltimore School				
street and number	6401 North Charles Street			telephone	Not Available
city, town	Baltimore	state	MD	zip code	21212

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse	tax map and parcel: 69, 1234			
city, town	Towson	liber	n/a	folio	n/a

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count	
						Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/>	public	<input type="checkbox"/>	landscape		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input type="checkbox"/>	recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	both	<input type="checkbox"/>	religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	site			<input type="checkbox"/>	social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	object			<input type="checkbox"/>	transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	funerary		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	government		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	health care		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant/not in use		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	industry		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	other:		
						Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
						<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1890 ca.

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates 1890 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Facing northwest on Charles Street, the Maples, constructed circa 1890, is located near Ruxton on the west and Towson on the east in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. Ruxton is located near the western edge of the Ninth District, approximately two-and-a-half miles west of Towson. The Ninth District is the smallest in size to the rest of the districts with only 38.9 square miles, however, it contains the largest population. The Ninth District includes the upper suburbs of Baltimore City, and is bordered by the Third, Eighth, Eleventh and Twelfth Districts. In 1870, the district had a population of 10,731 and a decade following it doubled in size with a total of 21,414 people.(1)

According to one Baltimore County history, a gentleman named Thomas Hooker first settled Ruxton in 1699. On a 500-acre tract of land, which was yielded to him five years earlier, he built a house known as Carr's Pleasure. Today, this house can be seen on the eastern side of Bellona Avenue near the center of the town.(2) Denoted on the 1915 Bromley Atlas, the Maples is associated with the James Clark estate.(3) In 1915 it was acquired by George Gunther, Jr. and then sold to the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1937. It is now part of the large Catholic complex of Villa Assumpta.

ENDNOTES

1. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.
2. Information found on the Internet site at www.bcpl.net/ruxrider/area-history.html on 4/5/2002.
3. Map of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.0 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Maples, constructed circa 1890, is located at 6401 North Charles Street in Baltimore in the Eighth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 69 parcel 1234 since its construction.

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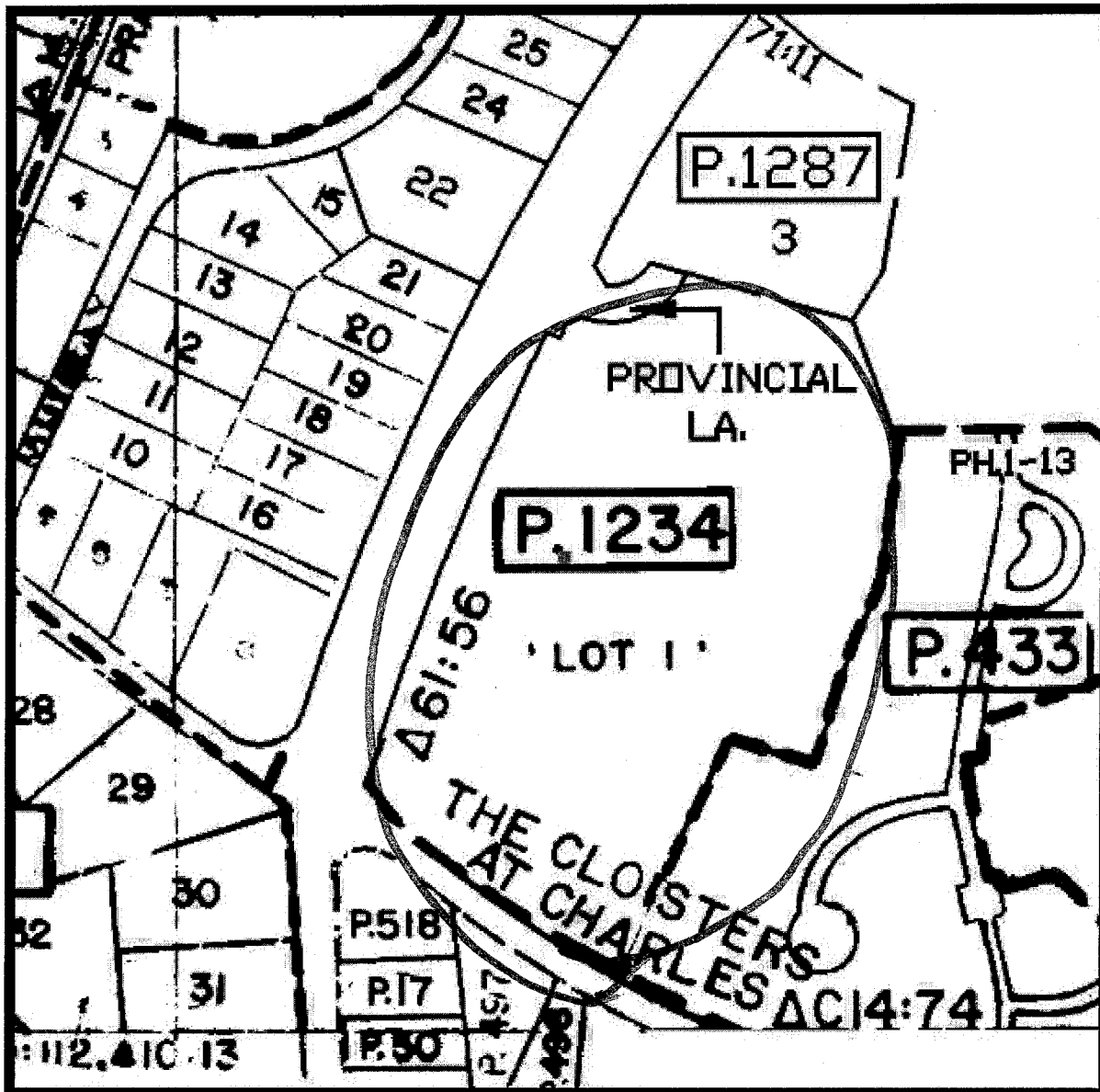
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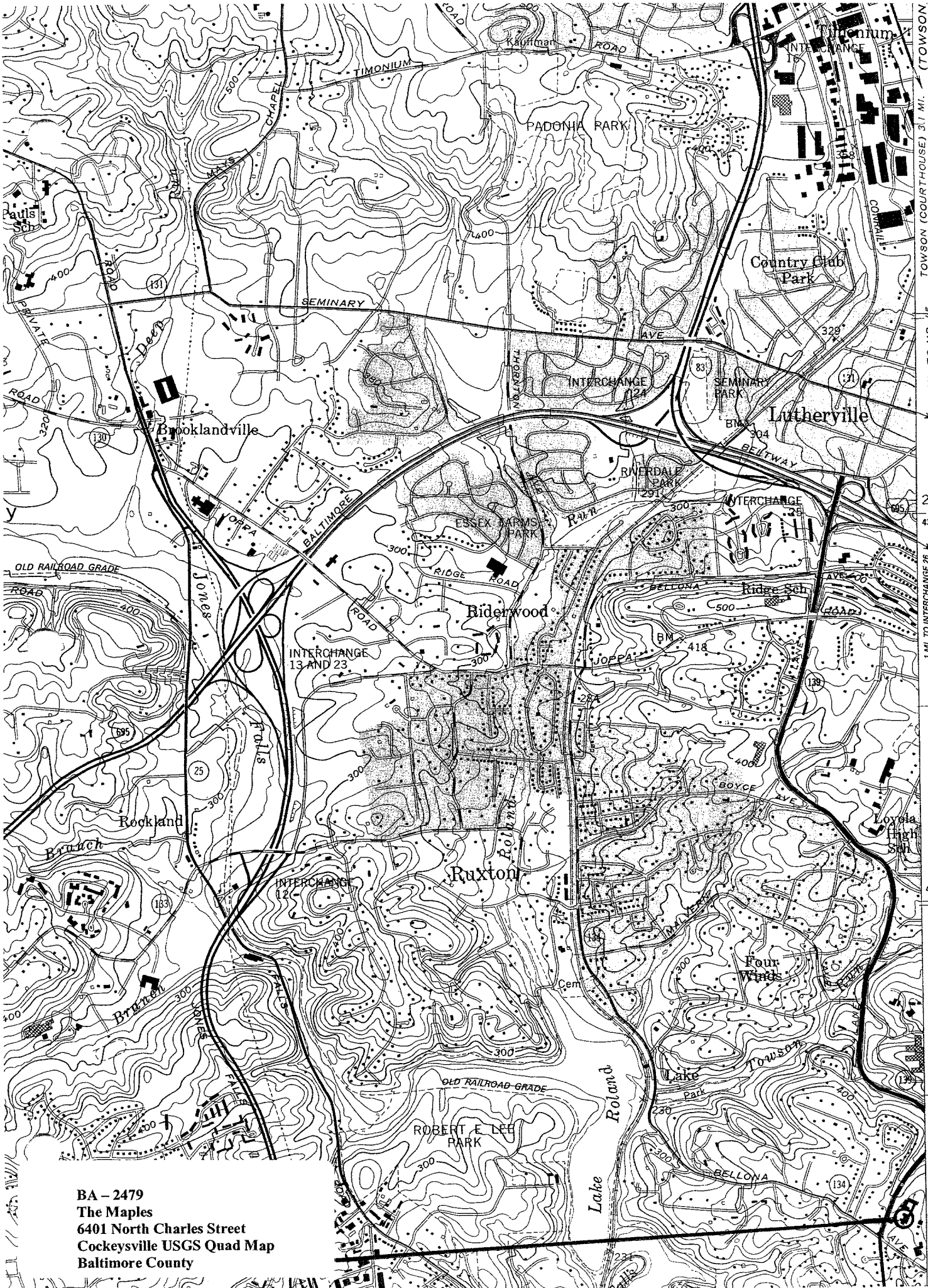
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Cockeysville USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

TOWSON (COURTHOUSE) 3.1 MI.
BALTIMORE (JUNG. U.S.) 9.1 MI.
0.5 MI. TO MD. 45
1 MI. TO INTERCHANGE 28
TOWSON (VIA MD. 45) 2 MI.

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West Corner

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